

As any athlete will tell you, although it is hard to win one championship, it is a true test of greatness to come back and repeat as champion. All season the Porters have passed this test with flying colors, which is why I know the entire community is proud of Coach Kooi and the team.

In their drive for back-to-back championships, the team featured a high powered offense with one of the most prolific passing attacks in the history of Illinois High School Athletics.

Mr. Speaker, although this is a great accomplishment, it is just the newest chapter in Lockport High School's storied history. Over the years, teams from Lockport High School have won state championships in a number of sports including bowling and cross country.

But Lockport High School's successes are by no means confined to the athletic field. In the academic field, there's more good news. Since 2000, the number of students taking Advanced Placement courses has risen to 420, an increase of 60 percent. In addition, Lockport High School students scored well above the national average on the ACT exam, and last year, 91 percent of Lockport High School students went on to college.

Congratulations, Porters, for your many athletic and academic successes this year, last year, and over the years. Keep up the good work.

HONORING BARRY McNUTT

HON. W.J. "BILLY" TAUZIN

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, we are on the verge of an historic moment in the 108th Congress as we move to pass a significant revision of our Nation's energy policy. But indeed, this is also a sad time for us and for everyone in the energy community. I have learned and announce with regret, the passing of Mr. Barry McNutt, a distinguished energy policy analyst and outstanding public servant who served at the United States Department of Energy since its inception. Many of us who have been close to energy policy issues over the years will recognize Barry's mark on this energy legislation because he was a strong advocate for increasing domestic energy supplies and improving energy efficiency. While we may have disagreed with Barry's analysis at times, we always respected it because we knew it was coming from a man with great intellectual gifts and unblemished integrity.

Barry McNutt was only interested in good policy not politics, but he recognized that good policy happens through the legislative process. He worked tirelessly to formulate policy options that informed and enlightened the process. He always knew his role as a Federal employee and he understood the important part he played in forming policy. Barry often told his colleagues that the most important thing is to produce solid analysis that will stand the test of time and he did that with talent and great care. Barry was 57 years old when he died on Sunday, November 16 at his home in Arlington, Virginia, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He leaves behind a beloved wife Andrea and a brother, and many colleagues who will miss him, but he

also leaves behind a legacy of outstanding public service that should inspire us all throughout our years of service to this country.

TRIBUTE TO DOLLY DEIBEL AND HER LEADERSHIP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding East Texan and ardent supporter of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Dolores M. "Dolly" Deibel of Tyler, Texas. Dolly has long been one of Tyler's philanthropic and civic leaders, and for the past two years, has chaired the "Light up Tomorrow . . . for the Children" benefit to raise funding and public awareness for the Pediatric Division at M.D. Anderson and the Children's Art Project. This year the event will be held on December 17 in Tyler.

Dolly has served as an Associate Member of the Membership Committee of The University Cancer Foundation Board of Visitors since September, 2000, and has been reappointed every year thereafter. Her efforts on behalf of M.D. Anderson are well-known, and the pediatric benefit has received strong community backing. This year the holiday gala enjoys the generous sponsorship of dozens of community leaders and supporters.

Mr. Speaker, I have a special appreciation for—and owe a debt of gratitude to—the dedicated staff and leadership at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Several years ago, my grandson Jay was stricken with cancer, and through the valiant efforts and superb treatment available at M.D. Anderson, Jay was one of those fortunate cancer patients who pulled through. I will be eternally grateful for the treatment that Jay and countless others have received there, and I appreciate Dolly's efforts in supporting the children of M.D. Anderson.

Dolly has been a longtime advocate in the fight to eradicate cancer. Last year, in recognition of her tireless efforts on behalf of The American Cancer Society over the past twenty-five years, the Deibel family joined with the American Cancer Society to name a room in her honor at the new building serving the Smith County Unit in Tyler. Over the years, Dolly has served the Smith County Unit of The American Cancer Society as Board member, public relations chairman, district chairman, committee member of Cattle Baron's Gala, Chili Rose Bowl and Great American Smokeout. She has served as a Board member of the State division of The American Cancer Society, including service on the Communications Committee, Great American Smokeout, Legislative Day at the Capital, and Women and Smoking Committee, among many other activities. She has received numerous awards for her many contributions.

Dolly also has been actively involved in countless philanthropic, civic, and political activities in Tyler, as so many look to her for leadership, inspiration, and support. She has devoted her time and talent to numerous causes, including the Women's Symphony League of Tyler, Tyler Rose Festival, Literacy Council of Tyler, Dallas Summer Musicals,

Distinguished Lecture Series at The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler Museum of Art, YMCA and other worthy organizations.

Dolly's vivacious, wonderfully engaging personality, her intelligence, her genuine compassion for others, and her willingness to work hard and to accomplish difficult tasks enable her to succeed in any cause or event that she tackles. Tyler and the State of Texas have benefitted greatly from her dedication to improving the lives of others, and she and her husband, John, are one of the dynamic couples in Tyler who are making a difference in their community. As we adjourn today, I want to commend Dolly Deibel for her extraordinary efforts on behalf of others, and in particular her support of the children of M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and the fight against cancer. Best wishes to all those who are supporting the "Light up Tomorrow . . . for the Children" benefit in Tyler on December 17—and may the light of Christmas shine upon this event. God bless.

DECLARATION OF PARTICIPANTS OF FIRST CONGRESS OF WORLD AND TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS

HON. JOSEPH R. PITTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 8, 2003

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following Declaration of the Participants of the First Congress of World and Traditional Religions hosted in Kazakhstan earlier this fall. One of the most important aspects of this gathering was the emphasis on reconciliation and the final declaration recognizing the right of each individual to "freely be convinced of, choose, express and practice his/her religion." Much of the tension in the world today is over the refusal of one group to allow another group or individual to peacefully practice his or her religious beliefs. I would like to commend President Nazarbayev for convening this important conference and I would like to commend all participants in the conference.

DECLARATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS OF WORLD AND TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS

We, the participants of the First Congress of World and Traditional Religions, held from 23 to 24 September 2003 in Astana, the capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Recognizing the right of each human person to freely be convinced, choose, express, and practice his/her religion.

Considering inter-religious dialogue as one of the most important instruments for ensuring peace and harmony among peoples and nations.

Supporting the efforts of the United Nations, other relevant international and regional organizations, as well as Governments, civil societies and non-governmental organizations in the promotion of dialogue among civilizations.

Confirming the importance of religion for the well being of all mankind.

Condemning the misuse and misrepresentations of religions and the incorrect use of differences among religions as a means for achieving selfish, disruptive and violent goals.

Conscious of: The declining sense of respect for the sanctity of human life and the dignity of every human person.